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Dr. *Sacheverell's* DISAPPOINTMENT AT WORCESTER.

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A True Account of his cold RECEPTION there.

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A Gentleman in that City to his Friend in *LONDON.*

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SIR,

THE Expectation Dr. *Sacheverell* had entertain'd of being receiv'd here with the ſame Honours, as have been ſhewn him in ſome other Places, has been miſerably diſappointed, the 14*th* Inſtant, thro' the Care and Vigilance of the Right Reverend Dr. *Lloyd*, our Lord Biſhop. That Pious and Learned Prelate having conceiv'd a juſt Indignation at

the Triumphant Progreſs of Dr. *Sacheverell*, whoſe Friends, if not himſelf, invited great Numbers to attend him, as if they deſign'd to make a general Muſter of their Forces, (which ſeems very inconſiſtent with the Doctrine of *Paſſive-Obedience*, and *Non-Reſiſtance*, ſince it is but one Degree removed from a *Down-right Inſurrection*) inſtead of remaining in that quiet, peaceable, and retired State, which beſt becomes a *Good and Loyal Subject*, who has had the Miſfortune to be found *Guilty* of *High Crimes and Miſdemeanors*, and who lies ſtill under the Cenſure of the *Higheſt Judicature* in *Great Britain:* That worthy Prelate, I ſay, juſtly provok'd at the Riotous Ent'ries which the Doctor had made into ſeveral Places, (as it were in open Defiance of the Juſtice of the Nation) and being apprehenſive that the Clergy, and People in this Dioceſe might imitate the *Indiſcreet*

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Zeal of ſome of our Neighbours, did, by his Mandate, forbid them to go and meet him; and being inform'd that the Doctor deſign'd to go thro' this City, whether he had ſome Invitation, his Lordſhip came hither in Perſon to cauſe his Orders to be the more exactly put in Execution. Our Mayor, and the other Magiſtrates, readily ſeconded his Lordſhip's good Intentions; but notwithſtanding the Prohibition, upon Notice that Doctor *Sacheverell* was not far off, ſome Fellows got into one of our Churches, with Deſign to ring the Bells, to welcome him: Upon Information thereof, the Rector of that Pariſh repair'd thither immediately to prevent it, and having, with much ado, got into the Church at the Veſtry-Door, the Mobb keeping Poſſeſſion of the great Gate, he laid hold on their Ring-Leader, who being Committed and Examin'd, proves to be a *Papiſt*.

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In the mean Time, Dr. *Sacheverell* being ignorant of the Meaſures that had been taken to diſcompoſe his Entry; and, on the contrary, expecting, according to Promiſe, to be met by a Perſon in an eminent Poſt in this County, with others of the *High-flown Party*, was not a little ſurprized, when, coming into our Suburbs, with two Trumpets and three Drums before, and about 60 or 80 Perſons behind him, ſome Officers of Juſtice, ſet on the Avenues for that Purpoſe, ſeized on his *Martial-Muſick*, who were committed to our Goal, ſo that he was obliged to go without *Beat of Drum*, or *Sound of Trumpet*, to the *Buſh-Tavern*, where, by his Order, a great Dinner had been provided. His Confuſion encreas'd when the *Reckoning* was *brought up*; for his, and his Followers Expectation of being Treated by the Magiſtrates, as they had been in other Places, being fruſtrated,

ted, they were oblig'd to Pay their *Clubs*. You may eaſily judge, that ſuch *a Reception* did not engage him to make a long Stay amongſt us: And, indeed, he went back the ſame Evening with a few Attendants, who were contented to ſhare his *Mortification*. He came again the next Day; but meeting with no kinder Entertainment, he return'd to Mr. *Berkley Green*'s, and Yeſterday jog'd on towards *Oxford*.

This, Sir, is a true Account of the whole Matter, by which you may ſee that this *High-Church Saint* has not ſo many *Votaries* in this County, as his Friends gave out. I remain, *&c.*

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